

Domestic Violence Coordinating Council
Kent/Sussex Collaborative Working Group Meeting Minutes
December 2, 2015
2:30 PM, Milford State Service Center Annex Building

- I. Introductions: In attendance at the meeting were Adrienne Owen (DSP), Keith Banks (Rehoboth PD), Janell Stanton (SAFE), Meghan Mariner (SAFE), Dawn Stevens (P&P), Matt Behornar (P&P), David Pusey (P&P), Rosemary Martinez (Abriendo Puertas), Sheila Blackely (JP Court) and Aimee String (DVCC)
- II. Brief Background of Committee: This committee originated as the DVCC Downstate Committee. The committee has primarily served as a networking and information sharing group. Over the years the attendance of the committee has slowly dwindled. The former Downstate DVCC committee agreed that there needed to be a re-launch of the committee which would maintain the need for a networking and information sharing group but to also become more “project focused” in order to maintain participation. Moving forward the committee will be called the “DVCC Kent/Sussex Collaborative Working Group”. The committee meetings will still be held in Milford, DE but will be moved to the morning in the hopes of better accommodating participants.
- III. Chair Nominations: Historically, the Downstate DVCC Committee did not have a chair but in the re-launch of the committee, it was felt that a chair would be helpful. Anyone interested in becoming the committee chair or nominating someone should contact Aimee String at aimee.string@state.de.us
- IV. Committee Goals: Committee goals were discussed and a draft was produced. The goals will be voted on at the next meeting. Anyone with additional thoughts should e-mail them to Aimee String at aimee.string@state.de.us.
 - a. Work together collaboratively to identify the unique needs of domestic violence and sexual assault victims in Kent and Sussex Counties.
 - b. Operate has a hub for service providers and interested parties to come together and problem solve about domestic violence and sexual assault related issues.
 - c. Lead community-wide discussions and trainings to engage law enforcement, schools, and other community leaders as active prevention partners.
 - d. Strengthen domestic violence victim service organizations throughout Delaware.
 - e. Create change through our collective voice.
- V. Committee Projects: Members should begin thinking about any specific projects that the group could work on. Please e-mail Aimee with ideas. We will discuss further at the next meeting.

VI. Future Meeting Dates: All meeting will be held at the Milford State Service Center, Annex Building from 10:00 AM-12:00 PM.

- a. Wednesday, March 2nd
- b. Wednesday, June 1st
- c. Wednesday, September 7th
- d. Wednesday, December 7th